



# Key Players of South Korea



**President**

## **Kim Young Sam**

First South Korean president with civilian background in over 30 years . . . has promised to improve economy, root out corruption, end regionalism . . . in 1953 became youngest member (age 26) ever elected to National Assembly; served nine terms . . . spent career in political opposition; in 1983 was banned from political activity and participated in hunger strike . . . founded Reunification Democratic Party (RDP) in 1987, served as its president and presidential candidate . . . merged RDP with ruling Democratic Liberal Party (DLP) in 1990; was DLP executive chairman (1990-92) . . . graduate of Kyongnam High School and Seoul National University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences . . . has political power base in Pusan . . . born 20 December 1927.







**Prime Minister**

**Hwang In Sung**

Supervises ministries' administrative activities; advises President on cabinet selections and dismissals . . . has strong administrative ability and policy experience and believes that radical change is undesirable, according to South Korean press . . . headed Democratic Liberal Party's Policy Committee (1992 - February 1993) . . . president of Asiana Airlines (1988-92) . . . former Agriculture Minister (1985-87) and Transportation Minister (1978-79) . . . three-term National Assemblyman . . . Governor of native North Cholla Province (1973- 78) . . . retired as Republic of Korea Army major general (1968) . . . graduated from Korea Military Academy (Class 14), Hongik College, and Seoul National University's Graduate School of Public Administration . . . born 9 January 1926.



**Director, Agency for  
National Security  
Planning**

**Kim Deok**

First person without military or security background to assume post; position downgraded from level of deputy prime minister to rank of minister by President Kim . . . served as adviser to Kim during presidential campaign . . . professor of international politics at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies during 1974 - February 1993 . . . well versed in North Korean affairs and international politics, especially issues relating to China and Russia, according to South Korean press . . . holds bachelor's degree from Seoul National University's School of Law, master's degree from Indiana University, Ph.D. in political science from Hankuk University . . . author of *Diplomacy of Small and Weak Powers* . . . is from North Kyongsang Province . . . born 25 May 1935.



**Deputy Prime Minister  
and Minister of National  
Unification Board**

**Han Wan Sang**

Responsible for research and planning for reunification of North and South Korea . . . prominent former dissident . . . professor of sociology at Seoul National University during 1970 - February 1993 . . . visiting professor at Emory in 1984 and at State University of New York in 1972 . . . taught at University of Georgia, University of Tennessee, University of East Carolina in mid-to-late 1960s . . . member of Korea Broadcasting Committee . . . author of several sociology publications . . . holds bachelor's degree in sociology from Seoul National University and Ph.D. in sociology from Emory . . . is from North Kyongsang Province . . . born 5 March 1936.



**Deputy Prime Minister  
and Minister of Economic  
Planning Board**

**Lee Kyung Shick**

Responsible for budget planning and policy coordination among economic ministries . . . renowned for his growth-oriented policies, according to South Korean press . . . president of Korea Gas Corporation (1991 - February 1993) . . . was president of Daewoo Motors (1989-91), Daewoo Investment and Finance (1987-89), and Daewoo Telecommunications (1985-87) . . . served as senior secretary for economic affairs (1979-80 and 1974-76) and Vice Minister of Communications (1976-79) . . . holds bachelor's degree from Korea University's Department of Commerce, master's degree from University of Minnesota . . . is from North Kyongsang Province . . . born 28 June 1933.





**Secretary General,  
Presidential Secretariat**

**Park Kwan Young**

Position equivalent to that of White House chief of staff; has ministerial rank . . . has close relationship with President Kim, according to South Korean press . . . headed Kim's public relations campaign during presidential election, served on presidential transition committee . . . four-term National Assemblyman; deputy floor leader (1982-84) . . . served as chairman of National Assembly's Special Committee on National Unification Policy . . . joined Kim's opposition RDP in 1987 and then the ruling DLP in 1990 . . . described by South Korean press as seasoned and pragmatic conservative . . . former student activist . . . holds bachelor's degree in political science from Dong-A University . . . is from Pusan . . . born 6 June 1938.



**Senior Secretary for  
Economic Affairs**

**Park Jae Yoon**

Serves as President's chief economic adviser; has vice-ministerial rank . . . advocates economic and banking reform, according to South Korean press . . . advised Kim during presidential campaign, served on presidential transition committee . . . banking expert and longtime economic adviser to Kim . . . taught economics at Seoul National University for 26 years . . . former president of the Korea Institute of Finance and chairman, board of directors, Korea Development Bank . . . student of former Bank of Korea Governor Cho Soon . . . holds bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from Seoul National University, master's degree and Ph.D. in economics from Indiana University . . . is from Pusan . . . born 25 July 1941.



**Senior Secretary for  
Foreign and National  
Security Affairs**

**Chung Chongwook**

Position equivalent to that of US President's national security adviser; has vice-ministerial rank . . . described as expert in international politics by South Korean press . . . served as Kim's adviser on diplomacy and security affairs during presidential campaign . . . was director of Seoul National University's (SNU) Center for International Studies during 1987 - February 1993, professor at SNU (1977-86), and political science instructor at Yale (1972-76) . . . received a bachelor's degree in international relations from SNU, master's degree in political science from University of Hawaii, and master's and Ph.D. degrees in political science from Yale . . . is from South Kyongsang Province . . . born 31 October 1940.



**Senior Secretary for  
Political Affairs**

**Chu Don Shik**

Serves as President's chief political adviser; has vice-ministerial rank . . . career political journalist and editorial writer at *Chosun Ilbo*; formerly served as director of newspaper's political department and as deputy director general . . . researcher at Harvard's Center for International Studies in 1981 . . . holds bachelor's degree in Korean language and literature from National Teacher's University . . . is from South Chungchong Province . . . born 8 July 1937.





### Minister of Finance

#### Hong Jae Hyong

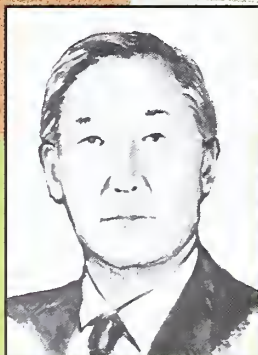
Served as president of Korea Exchange Bank (1991 - February 1993) . . . well versed in international monetary affairs . . . known among peers as a man of principle, according to South Korean press . . . was president of Korea Export-Import Bank (1990-91); assistant minister for planning and management, Ministry of Finance (1987-88); and assistant minister for international economic policy, Economic Planning Board (1986-87) . . . served as Blue House economic secretary (1983-85) . . . holds degrees from Seoul National University's College of Commerce and Graduate School of Public Administration . . . served in Republic of Korea Navy (1960-63) . . . is from North Chungchong Province . . . born 27 March 1938.



### Minister of Foreign Affairs

#### Han Sung Joo

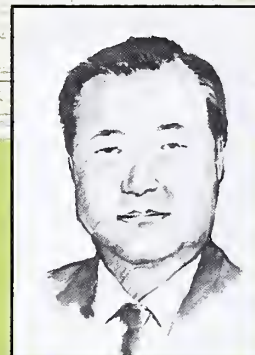
Professor of political science at Korea University during 1978 - February 1993 . . . regarded as one of President Kim's key advisers . . . specialist on United States, according to South Korean press . . . prominent columnist for *Newsweek International* during 1980s, early 1990s . . . editor, coauthor of numerous major political science and foreign relations publications . . . served as chief secretary on Korea-Japan 21st Century Committee . . . holds bachelor's degree in political science from Seoul National University, master's degree in political science from University of New Hampshire, Ph.D. in political science from Berkeley . . . is from Seoul . . . born 13 September 1940.



### Minister of Trade, Industry, and Energy

#### Kim Chul Su

Expert in international trade; renowned for trade negotiation skills . . . was president of Korea Trade Promotion Corporation (1991 - February 1993) . . . longest serving first assistant Trade Minister (1984-90) . . . served as head of Patent Administration in 1990 . . . as first assistant Trade Minister, worked to relieve US pressure to apply Super 301 to South Korea in 1989 . . . as commissioner of Korea Industrial Property Office, was responsible for registration of international patents, trademarks . . . was once assistant professor at Tufts University . . . holds bachelor's degree in political science from Tufts, Ph.D. in political science from University of Massachusetts at Amherst . . . is from Seoul . . . born 26 January 1941.

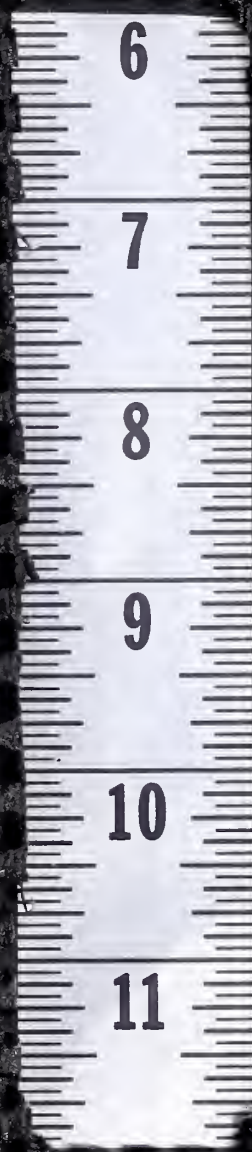
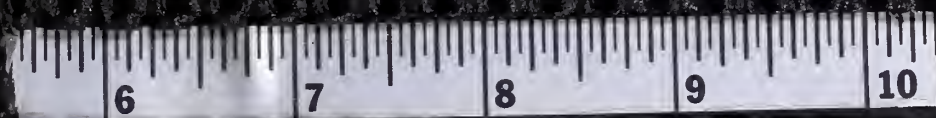


### Minister of National Defense

#### Kwon Young Hae

Unlike his predecessors (all have been four-star generals), Kwon is a retired (1988) Army major general . . . first former Vice Minister of Defense (1990 - February 1993) to become Minister of National Defense . . . has maintained friendly relations with US defense officials and US Forces, Korea, according to South Korean press . . . former Commanding General, 1988 Olympic Support Command . . . Chief of Staff, 3rd Army, during 1986-88 . . . served in South Vietnam (1965-67) . . . awards include Order of Merit, Order of National Security Merit, US Legion of Merit . . . graduated from Korea Military Academy (Class 15), studied at Seoul National University's Graduate School of Public Administration . . . is from North Kyongsang Province . . . born 9 September 1937.







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